OPINION 1631

Ochthebius Leach, 1815 (Insecta, Coleoptera): *Elophorus marinus* Paykull, 1798 designated as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type species for the nominal genus *Ochthebius* Leach, 1815 before that by d'Orchymont (1942) of *Elophorus marinus* Paykull, 1798 are hereby set aside.

(2) The name *Ochthebius* Leach, 1815 (gender: masculine), type species by designation by d'Orchymont (1942), by the ruling in (1) above, *Elophorus marinus* Paykull, 1798, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *marinus* Paykull, 1798, as published in the binomen *Elophorus marinus* (specific name of the type species of *Ochthebius* Leach, 1815) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2676

An application for the designation of *Elophorus marinus* Paykull, 1798 as the type species of *Ochthebius* Leach, 1815 was received from Dr M. Hansen (*Zoologisk Museum, København, Denmark*) on 3 August 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **46**: 244–246 (December 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment from F.C. Thompson (*Systematic Entomology Laboratory, USDA, Washington, U.S.A.*) pointed out that there was an earlier type species designation for *Ochthebius* than that by Brullé (1835) (cf. para. 2 of the application). Guérin (1827, pp. 50–51) also designated *Elophorus riparius* (Illiger, 1798) (= *Hydraena riparia* Kugelann, 1794) as the type species, with *Elophorus pygmaeus* Fabricius, 1792 as a synonym. This earlier designation did not affect the issue of the case.

Guérin, F.-E. 1827. Ochtebie. *Ochtebius* [sic]. Pp. 50–51 in Bory de Saint-Vincent, J.B.G.M. (Ed.), *Dictionnaire classique d'histoire naturelle, par Messieurs Audouin...*, vol. 12 (NUA-PAM). 634 pp. Rey & Gravier, Paris.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **46**: 245. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Kraus.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

marinus, *Elophorus*, Paykull, 1798, *Fauna Suecica, Insecta*, vol. 1[8], p. 245.

Ochthebius Leach, 1815, Entomology. *In* Brewster, D., *Edinburgh Encyclopaedia*, vol. 9, pp. 95–96.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Elophorus marinus* as the type species of *Ochthebius*:

Orchymont, A. d'. 1942. *Bulletin du Musée royal d'Histoire naturelle de Belgique*, **18**(39): 2.